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Winter Weather Tips

Weatherize Your House

- Insulate your attic and basement/crawl space.
- Find and seal/weatherstrip air leaks around your home's windows and outside doorways to reduce cold drafts.
- Check your furnace for a dirty air filter. Clean or and replace it if necessary.
- Clean out your gutters to prevent a build-up of snow and ice.

Conserve Energy

- Warm your home during the day by opening your curtains and letting the sun shine through the windows. Close your blinds and curtains at night to keep the warmth inside.
- Close the door to rooms that are not being used. Keep closet doors closed too! This allows heat to stay in the area of the house where there are people.
- Set the thermostat to 68 degrees in the winter. You may need a higher setting for health reasons or if you have a new baby or elderly household member.
- Have your heating system serviced once a year to keep it running correctly and efficiently.

Winter Safety

- Have your chimney and flue inspected to be sure that it is safe.
- Do not leave a fire burning in a fireplace unattended.
- If you are using a portable heater, a fireplace, wood stove or another heating source, install at least one carbon monoxide detector.
- Unplug portable heaters when they are not in use. Keep all room heaters away from drapes and furniture that could catch fire.
- Create a home emergency kit in case the power goes out. Include: a battery-powered flashlight, portable radio, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, bottled water, blankets and nonperishable food items.

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